

In The Specification:

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 23, as follows:

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A release or rod device 100 is provided, which includes a rod 102 that extends through bores 104, 106 in the frame 30 and in the backup 50, the rod device also including a clip 110 attached to a rear end of the rod. The rod 102 (and the opposite rod 103) and backup 50 form means 113 for urging the body forward. A body spring 112 lying within the bore 104, has a spring rear end 114 that abuts a frame shoulder, and has a spring front end 120 that abuts an enlarged rod front end 122. The spring urges the rod forwardly F, and its clip 110 has a largely forwardly-facing surface 111 that urges the backup 50 and first connector body 34 forwardly to the initial position shown in Fig. 3. The second connector has a standoff 130 that abuts the rod front surface 90 when the mating pairs of optical termini have fully mated, so the tips of the first termini have been pushed rearward to the positions 72A. The standoffs 130 allow the frame 12 to continue moving forward, while the standoff 130 prevents the rod 102 from moving forward. The rods therefore allow the backups 50 and body 34 to remain stationary in the fully mated positions of the pairs of mated termini. This keeps the body 34 in the fully mated position while allowing the frame 30 to move forward a small distance until the daughter board on which the frame is fixed, has been fully installed in the support. The rods and backup, plus the standoff, form an extension means for allowing the first frame to slide forward with respect to the first body.